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in re Application of:	
Sayoko Matsumoto et al.	) Group Art Unit: 1645
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For: METHOD OF STRETCHING SINGLE-STRANDED NUCLEIC ACID, SINGLE-STRANDED NUCLEIC ACID STRETCHING SYSTEM AND DNA CHIP	) ) ) )
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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheets. The amendments are discussed in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include:

Three (3) drawing Replacement Sheets showing Figures 1-5.